

The Herald

PLYMOUTH UCC DODGEVILLE

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Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ



Beloved Community,

I find that at this time of year I always struggle a little bit. The big pastoral push of Advent and Christmas is behind me, and there's a lull before Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. We've had a high, and now we're in the low before another big high.

Besides that, as I grow older I'm discovering that I prefer more and more the sunshine and warmth of all the other seasons besides winter. I love being able to get outside and walk the land, to smell the earth after a refreshing rain and to marvel at the beauty of the trees as they begin to bud then leaf out. I love to observe the flowers pushing up to unfold their blooms, and more than anything, I love to wake up to the sound of birdsong,

Maybe you find yourself feeling the same way...

But if there's one thing I've learned living here in Wisconsin, it's the blessing of walking and waiting patiently through *each* season, because it's a reminder that God's world keeps on going exactly as God has ordered it.

This is true, and it is a good reminder. It's rooted in God's promise made to Noah following the flood: "*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.*" This is right after God's promise of never again sending a flood to destroy all life.

And the same holds true for the seasons of the church. While not nearly as carefully ordered as the seasons of nature, there is still the same ebb and flow, the same times of death and decay, and the same signs of new life springing up after a seemingly long and harsh season of winter.

Last Sunday, on the 26th of January, five of us gathered to have a conversation about, and to re-form our Sunday school committee! Perhaps you have noticed that our worship has begun to see signs of new life springing up in the form of children gracing our services and even participating in some of the duties. And on Sunday, February 2, we will be bringing new members into our congregation!

Additionally, on February 19, we will be continuing our conversation about re-imagining who we are as a church and how we proceed into the 21st century. We have a new moderator and vice-moderator who bring enthusiasm and energy to our leadership, and the promise of a new mission and purpose as I make plans to travel to Sierra Leon for my Sabbatical.

This is an exciting time for us here at Plymouth; a time of new growth and hope and the reminder of Jesus' promise to us that he is with us always.

So let us nurture and cherish this new growth as well as continue to care for ourselves and everyone around us. Let us remember to live in love, to keep our faith, to give our faith away, to work hard, play enough, laugh often, make peace, and most importantly – to hang loose. We are all in this together as members of the family of Jesus Christ. So be it. Amen and Amen.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Joy

OUR VISION "To be a welcoming and thriving Christian Community, living our faith through reflection and action, while remaining grounded in God's love."

OUR MISSION "To grow and share our faith, worship God, and follow Jesus Christ in the ways of love, peace, compassion, justice and the nurturing of God's creation."

Church Office:

Pastor Availability Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Office Administrator Hours

Tuesday-Thursday
8:00 am - 12:30 pm

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Marilyn Dunn

Choir Director:

Joan Bettner-Steele

Sunday February 23, 2020

Following Worship

Fat Sunday

Pancake Breakfast

Mardi Gras Theme

Last year was a blast!

See you there!





Orders for Easter Lily plants will start the beginning of March. This year Easter is on April 12. Palm Sunday April 5~Maundy Thursday April 9 at UMC~Good Friday April 10 at PUC



Recently, Plymouth has been the spot for dance lessons with John Curran through the Dodgeville City Recreation Department.

February lessons for continuing Rumba will be at 6:30 pm, and American Tango will be at 7:30 pm. Each class is 1 hour long and on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall.

Partners are not necessary. They cannot guarantee a partner but voluntarily rotate throughout the class. Classes are open to ages 16 and up.

Online registration is available at dodgeville.recdesk.com or in person at Dodgeville City Hall.

Going out to dance is great exercise and a great social experience.



Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 2, following Worship. Please plan to attend and vote on the budget. New members and committee members will be installed as well.

A church-wide meeting on Wednesday, February 19th, at 7 pm, with guest Lorraine Cenicerros, Associate Conference Minister, assisting in further discussions on the future of Plymouth.



Ash Wednesday will be at Plymouth UCC, 7 pm, Wednesday, February 26.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

February 18 at 8 am.

ATTENDANCE

January 5	30
January 12	26
January 19	25
January 26	32

February Birthdays:

February 4	Ross Vivian
February 7	Ginger Jones
February 9	Gretchen Pearson
February 14	Annah Freeman
February 16	Danielle Brown
February 18	Steve Freeman
February 23	Bill Boyer
February 28	Ralph Martin

Coming up...

February 2 - Annual Meeting
Installation of new members and
committee members

February 8 - Pasty Sale

February 12 - Feeding Friends

February 16 - Special Music @ Worship

February 23 - Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast

February 26 - Ecumenical Ash Wednesday
@ Plymouth

Meetings

February 13 - Monthly Trustee meeting at 7 pm.

February 18 - Monthly Diaconate meeting at 5:30 pm.

February 18 - Monthly Council meeting at 7 pm.

JOYFUL NOISE

Thanks to your generosity in December

Christmas Fund	\$132.27
Wacky Wednesday	\$500.00
Pastor's Discretion- ary	\$516.14

February Joyful Noise Offering is designated for:

Wacky Wednesday
Free Clinic

Watch our Sunday Worship Service on our website www.plymouthuccdodgeville.org or on Youtube.com search for Plymouth UCC of Dodgeville.



**Every weekend is a good
time to bring a guest with
you to Sunday Worship.**

Schedules

Usher

February 2 - Maureen Teubert

February 9 - Joan Steele and Boys

February 16 - Chuck and Jill Roethe

February 23 - Denise Whitish

Reader

February 2 - Dave Pearson

February 9 - Anne Bachner

February 16 - Chuck Roethe

February 23 - Judy Campbell

Communion

February 2 - Dave Pearson

February 9 - Anne Bachner

February 16 - Jill Roethe

February 23 - Judy Campbell

Joyful Noise

2 - Wacky Wednesday

9, 16, 23 - Free Clinic

Fellowship

February 2 - Jan Helmich

February 9 - Gretchen Pearson

February 16 - Jean Brown

February 23 - Tina Valenti



Mission

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer for one of our missions.

Feeding Friends - Volunteers are needed for Feeding Friends. Plymouth UCC hosts Feeding Friends the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning at 5 pm. Salad and dessert donations are always needed if you cannot help with the preparation, serving, or cleanup. Please contact the office or Jill Roethe and let us know how you would like to help with Feeding Friends.

Pasty - Pasty season is here. Pasties are on the minds of members of the community and even those outside of the community who have heard about Plymouth's pasties. Workers are needed to make this successful each month. Please sign up to work one or more Saturdays through the entire season. Call into the office or contact Denise Whitish. Please let us know how you can help. Let's keep the best pasties in town available. Pasty dates - January 11, February 8, March 14, and April 18.

Wacky Wednesday - The Wacky Wednesday after-school program is in need of volunteers. Please sign up to help with the activities or in areas where an extra hand from an adult is needed. If you have a special talent you would like to share with the after school participants or you would just like to help where needed, please contact the office or Judy Campbell.

Be a part of the Church

Faith Explorers - Wednesdays, 10:30 am, CrestRidge, 219 Grace Street, Dodgeville. If you have questions or doubts, you are in the right place. If you want to meet with others who have questions and doubts, then this group is for you.

Plymouth Circle - Fourth Thursday of the month, noon, at Country Kitchen. "Plymouth Circle (or as we call ourselves sometimes "The Out For Lunch Bunch") this is the week! Open to all, men, women, couples, singles, everyone. We always have fun and good conversation.

CHOIR - Plymouth Choir practices at 7 pm on Wednesdays. We welcome new singers. Contact Joan Steele for details. 414-531-5626

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator

Chuck Roethe

Vice Moderator

Harry Zelhofer-McHone

Trustees

Mark Pepelea

Diaconate

Gary McHone

Mission

Lisa Pepelea

Clerk

Denise Whitish

Christian Education

Treasurer

Dave Pearson

Financial Secretary

Earl Barnes

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cell number, or email
have changed, please con-
tact the office so that we
may update our records .
You may call the office at
935-5727, or email the
office at

plymouth@mhtc.net.



Lakeland University Concert Choir 2020 Tour

Thursday, Feb. 27 * 7 p.m.

Salem UCC

502 Mark Dr., Verona

Friday, Feb. 28 * 7 p.m.

McFarland UCC

5710 Anthony St., McFarland

Everyone is invited to attend; no fee and no tickets required.



LAKELAND UNIVERSITY



Where: Spring Green Community Library. 230 E Monroe St, Spring Green

When: Saturday March 14th

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

3rd year of our Free Children's Clothes (and toy) Swap with a small bake sale held inside the community room of the library. Open to anyone with children in their lives, you **do not** have to live in Spring Green to be able to come to this event!



Use the QR code to find our Facebook page for more information. At 12:00 whatever is not claimed will be donated to the next charity to make sure it keeps helping others!